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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death in Kirkush, Iraq, of United States Army Specialist Christopher P. Sweet of Springfield, who passed away on February 6, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet was born on February 6, 1981 in San Jose, California; he was the son of Peter and Christina Slyngsted Sweet; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet was a graduate of Maui High School in Hawaii; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet was serving with the United States Army; he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade based in Grafenwoehr, Germany, where he served as a heavy vehicle operator and training specialist; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet was a member of the National Rifle Association; and

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WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet was preceded in death by his grandparents, Harding Sweet, Grace Curtiss, and Courtney Slyngsted; his uncles, Michael Sweet and Robert Slyngsted; and

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1 his aunt, Nina Andersen; and

2 WHEREAS, Spc. Christopher Sweet is survived by his parents,
3 Peter Sweet and Christina Sweet; his brothers, Kyle Sweet and
4 Nathan Slyngsted; his sister, Zether Sweet; his grandmother,
5 Mary Neilsen; his uncles, Jay Sweet, Courtney Slyngsted, Mike
6 Slyngsted, Danny Slyngsted, and Curtis Slyngsted; his aunts,
7 Joey Wood, Genell Hinds, Julie, and Kim; and his several
8 cousins, including Kevin Slyngsted, who is also serving in the
9 U.S. Army; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
12 his family and friends, the passing of United States Army
13 Specialist Christopher P. Sweet; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Spc. Christopher
15 Sweet and his willingness to serve our country, which led to
16 him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of Spc. Christopher Sweet as an
19 expression of our sympathy.